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SUBJECT: RESPONSIBILITIES OF REGIONAL LABOR ATTACHE FOR
BELGIUM AND THE NETHERLANDS

REFS: A) STATE 4556, B) THE HAGUE 1047

1. THE DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES THE HAGUE'S VIEWS ON PROPOSED
TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR NEWLY ESTABLISHED REGIONAL LABOR
ATTACHE POSITION.

2. AS INDICATED REF A., PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE,
INCLUDING EXPECTED FREQUENCY OF TRAVEL AND LENGTH OF VISITS
TO THE NETHERLANDS, REFLECT EXPERIENCE WITH SIMILAR
REGIONAL POSITIONS ELSEWHERE. DEPARTMENTS STATE AND LABOR
RECOGNIZE VARYING CIRCUMSTANCES, HOWEVER, AND SPECIAL
CONSIDERATIONS INVOLVED IN PRESENT CASE. AIM OF REGIONALI-
ZATION OF THE POSITION WAS TO PROVIDE EXPANDED COVERAGE
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OF LABOR DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NETHERLANDS. IF IN THE HAGUE'S
JUDGMENT UP TO HALF OF REGIONAL LABOR ATTACHE'S TIME IS
NECESSARY TO DO THIS ADEQUATELY, THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE
AND LABOR CONCUR IN SUCH AN ALLOCATION. THE DEPARTMENT
HOPES NEVERTHELESS THAT THE EXPERIENCED AND COMPETENT
FOREIGN SERVICE LOCAL AT THE HAGUE, MINA STIEGLIS, WILL BE
AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE SOME SUPPORT TO THE REGIONAL LABOR

ATTACHE FOR MORE OR LESS ROUTINE LABOR REPORTING AND FOR PREPARATION OF MATERIAL FOR THE UNCLASSIFIED PARTS OF THE ANNUAL LABOR REPORT. DEPARTMENT ASSUMES THAT EMBASSIES BRUSSELS AND THE HAGUE WILL BE ABLE TO WORK OUT A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY DIVISION OF THE REGIONAL LABOR ATTACHE'S TIME ON THIS BASIS.

3. ALSO ASSUME THAT THE TWO POSTS WILL CONSULT AND COORDINATE WITH EACH OTHER IN THE PREPARATION OF THE REGIONAL LABOR ATTACHE'S ANNUAL OER. SINCE BRUSSELS IS RESIDENT POST FOR REGIONAL LABOR ATTACHE, IT SEEMS LOGICAL TO PLACE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF THE OER WITH EMBASSY BRUSSELS. VANCE

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